

Clean Set of Claims

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1. A cordless telephone, comprising:  
a base unit;  
a telephone line interface; and  
a handset, the handset including  
a keypad,  
a key scan element adapted to scan the keypad for a  
predetermined key sequence, and  
a controller adapted to cause the initiation of an outgoing call  
based on a determination of the predetermined key sequence.

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6. A handset for a cordless telephone, comprising:  
a keypad,  
a key scan element adapted to scan the keypad for a  
predetermined key sequence, and  
a controller adapted to cause the initiation of an outgoing call by  
outputting a signal to a corresponding base unit with a telephone line interface  
based on a determination of the predetermined key sequence.

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8. A handset as recited in claim 6, further comprising an RF  
transceiver, wherein the signal is output to the base unit via the RF transceiver.

9. A handset as recited in claim 6, wherein the signal informs the  
base unit that the predetermined key sequence has been detected.

10. A handset as recited in claim 6, wherein the signal comprises a  
dialing sequence of a number to be dialed.

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12. A method of placing a telephone call from a cordless telephone handset with a telephone line interface that is in an on-hook condition, comprising the steps of:

sensing the activation of predetermined key sequence; and  
initiating a telephone call based on the senses activation.